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In re Application of:)
Hao A. Chen et al.)
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For: SURFACE COVERINGS)
CONTAINING ALUMINUM OXIDE)

Group Art Unit: 1774
Examiner: M. Dixon

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Prosecution and a Petition to Withdraw from Issue the above-referenced application.

The copies of the listed documents are provided herewith.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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